



## MILWAUKEE NUMISMATIC NEWS

September 2013 – Our next meeting will be held on September 19 at 7:00 PM at the Mayfair Mall Community Room, on the lower level of the mall.

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The Milwaukee Numismatic Society, founded in 1934, is the oldest and largest organization in Milwaukee devoted to the study of money. Meetings are held at 7:00 PM on the third Thursday of each month in the Community Room on the lower level of Mayfair Mall (W. North Avenue at N. Mayfair Road).

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### September Coin of the Month

For September we have a special non-numismatic auction item. This month it is a brand-new sealed DVD featuring aircraft carriers of the US Navy in action. I have not watched this video, but I am sure it's worth at least \$5.00, which will be the starting bid.



### September 2013 MNS President's Message

The last two summer months have seen a lot of activity for our Club, with the outing to the Pabst Mansion in July and then the bus trip to the ANA's World Fair of Money in August. Hopefully all members who wanted to had the opportunity to attend what proved to be another spectacular ANA coin show at the Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont. The quality of exhibits and displays the ANA brings in are always second to none. I always feel that we are very fortunate to have such excellent coin shows (both Central States and the ANA) consistently held conveniently right down the road for us.

From what I heard, the bus trip to the ANA show was well attended by our members and went as smooth as can be. Hopefully we can do something similar next year for the members, since it saves the hassle of the physical driving and parking.

This coming month it will be back to business as normal for the Club, with our regular meetings at the Mayfair Mall meeting room. We are still in need of some programming for September and October, so let me know if you have anything in mind. Otherwise, I would hope that members will bring in some of their recent acquisitions from the ANA to show off to the membership. The November meeting will see our semi-annual auction, so keep that in mind and start to gather up something good to sell.

Just a note on the perennial display case issue: The Club now has the requisite number we need in off-site storage. A limited number of the remaining excess cases will be offered for sale to members at the next meeting, and after that they will be sold to several dealers that have already expressed interest. So, if you want one of these cases please be prepared to make a purchase at the September meeting, or if you cannot make it just let me know and I'll set one aside for next time.

We also need to start thinking about nominations of officers for the upcoming year. So, if anyone is interested in running for Trustee or any of the other elected Board positions, now would be your opportunity to think about it and step up to the plate to make a difference in your Club.

All the best and here's looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting!

Happy Collecting,  
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# MN\$ 2013

## 2013 Numismatic Events

### Schedule

Monthly meetings in 2013 are held at 7 pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month in the Community Meeting Room in the lower level of Mayfair Mall. Visitors interested in numismatics are welcome.

### Monthly meeting programs

Jan 17:	Holiday party, election, new officers induction
Feb 21:	Darrell L., Wisconsin Breweries
Mar 21:	Merit Badge Program
Apr 18:	Milwaukee: Convention City (Dave H)
May 16:	Spring Auction (Dave H)
Jun 20:	Non-numismatic hobbies
Jul 18:	Summer Outing – Pabst Mansion Private Tour (Meet at 6:00 PM)
Aug 15:	Bus Trip to ANA Rosemont Show
Sep 19:	open
Oct 17:	Raffle drawing
Nov 21:	Auction (Dave H)
Dec 19:	Holiday Party

### Other important dates -

October 6	MNS Coin Show at Serb Hall
October 19	MNS Annual Banquet at Alioto's

### Annual Dues

Dues for 2013 are \$10. They may be mailed to MNS, PO Box 241174, Milwaukee, WI 53224. Thanks to those who have paid.

Sept. 12-14	ILNA Coin Show Tinley Park, IL Conv. Ctr.
Oct. 6	MNS Annual Coin Show at Serb Hall
Oct. 19	Sheboygan Falls Coin & Stamp Show (Muni. Hall) 375 Buffalo St. (9-3:30 PM)
Oct. 27	Indian Hill Coin Club Show Am. Legion Post (9-3 PM) 749 Milw. Ave. Gurnee, IL
Nov. 2	Kenosha Coin Club Show Union Club-3030 39 <sup>th</sup> Ave. 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM
Nov. 17	Nicolet Coin Club Show Comfort Suites-Rock Garden, 1951 Bond St. (Green Bay) 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

### Refreshment Schedule

Jan:	Holiday Party Pizza Gang
Feb:	Tom D & Gary B
Mar:	Steve Jacobson
Apr:	Dave H.
May:	Stu Caddell
Jun:	Jim Heinrich
Jul:	N/A – Pabst Mansion Tour
Aug:	N/A – Bus Trip to ANA Show
Sep:	Justin J. Perrault
Oct:	open
Nov:	open
Dec:	Holiday Pizza Gang

### PLEASE NOTE:

MNS is a volunteer organization. We always need new and interesting programs, activities, helpers to work at events, and someone to bring refreshments for the meetings. We are also looking for ideas for club outings. MNS will reimburse refreshment expenses up to \$50. To volunteer, please contact Pres. Justin Perrault at 262.785.7663 or VP Jim Heinrich at 262.796.1814. Thanks to everyone who has stepped up by volunteering their time and talent to make this club a success.

## MNS MEMBERS ATTEND ANA ROSEMONT CONVENTION, AUG. 15

A bus load of twelve MNS club members attended the ANA World's Fair of Money at the Rosemont Convention Center in Illinois on August 15, thanks to the support of the club which covered the cost of the bus. The comfortable, modern Riteway bus has a circular seating arrangement which was conducive to extended numismatic conversations, informal show and tell (what did you find?), and general club comraderie. The trip back and forth was very convenient and pleasant conversation made the trip go quickly and smoothly. A few took up the driver's offer to drive them to an off-site lunch venue. Many members added new items to their collections. In recognition of his excellent service, we were able to present our driver, Al, with a nice gratuity at the end of the trip. Thanks are due to Pam Talmadge who provided photos from the outing. – LAS



**MNS members enjoying the bus ride to the ANA World's Fair of Money in Rosemont.**

Left to right: Bob Burlingame, Karl Kaiser, Bob Krueger, Tom Dallmann, Gary Bieringer, Bob Mathieu, Tom Snyder, Tom Casper, Howard Thorpe, Leon Saryan. A few of the above are partially hidden.



## OUR SHOW IS ALMOST HERE

By Tom Casper

The annual MNS coin show on October 6, 2013 is less than one month away. This is our only club fund raiser so I am hoping all our members will pitch in to make it a success. We will need help setting up the show, breaking it down and manning the three tables in the lobby all day. At the September, 2013 MNS meeting, Tom Dallmann will be circulating sign-up sheets for the show. Three hours of work towards the show results in a complimentary banquet ticket. If you can't make the September meeting, you can call me to sign up by calling me at 414-425-5444. Tom will also have flyers at the meeting which you can post at your neighborhood businesses. The bourse is sold out and we have dealers on our waiting list. It is shaping up to be another great show.

Lillian Kasun will be at the September meeting distributing the raffle tickets. Each member will be given 12 tickets to sell but you can ask for more. The raffle helps to make our show a financial success.

If you plan to exhibit, submit your exhibit application to Betty Petrovick at the meeting. We need to know how many exhibit cases to bring to the show.

We have changed the design of the wooden nickel for this year's show. The souvenir token will have this year's date on one side and next year's date on the other side. They were made in two colors and will be distributed at the show. See you all there.



## **DEVELOPMENTS AT THE MNS NEWS**

For the past few months, you have probably noticed a few changes at MNS News. Pat Bethe has done a great job for several years, which we sincerely appreciate. Because of her continuing illness and rehabilitation (we of course wish her a full and complete recovery!), I have temporarily taken over the production and mailing of this bulletin. I could not do it without a lot of help, and I want to thank several people: Josh Whitehall, who maintains the address database and prints the labels; Betty Petrovick, who provided addresses of newer members not in the database, my son Armen Saryan, who has helped fold, label, and stuff the envelopes, and Dave Hunsicker, who provides stamped envelopes for each issue. In order to keep postage costs low, I limit each issue to 8 pages (4 sheets, amounting to 0.8 oz when mailed). The bulletin is professionally printed at Printgraphix on 76<sup>th</sup> Street in Greenfield. Shortly, the envelopes will arrive preprinted with the club's PO box number as the return address.

To produce the newsletter, I need "camera-ready" copy. This can be sent to me by e-mail and should be in my hands by the first day of each month. The layout is as follows: Cover page (I prepare), President's message, minutes of the past meeting if any (secretary prepares), calendar of events (VP prepares), and typically 3 pages for articles and news. We can always use interesting articles on numismatic topics and news about our members. Everyone is invited to contribute.

I will continue producing the newsletter while Pat is recovering, with the help of the named members and anyone who wants to write an article. – Leon A. Saryan

## **ROGER J. CULVER**

Roger Culver, a longtime member of the Milwaukee Numismatic Society, passed away on July 25, 2013, at the age of 63, after a long illness which became progressively more complicated as time went on. He graduated from MSOE in mechanical engineering and had worked in Detroit for several years. He was active in our club for many years and helped out at the shows, Lee Hartz was kind enough to bring Roger to several meetings and club events. A funeral was held on July 30. Roger will be missed by his friends in the Milwaukee Numismatic Society. - LAS



## MILWAUKEE HOSTS 24th Annual OMSA SHOW

By Tom Casper

For only the second time, Milwaukee hosted the annual Orders and Medals Society of America (OMSA) show. It ran from August 8-11, 2013 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 6041 S. 13 St. OMSA is a national organization with more than 1,000 members. The show is very similar to a coin show with booth holders buying and selling as well as competitive exhibits. 95 tables filled the hall with decorations for sale. 9 countries and 29 states were represented at the show. One difference is that the show was only open to the public for one day. On the other days the show was open to members only, with 121 members attending. . About 57 public attended the show on Saturday including at least 5 MNS members (myself, Bruce Bartelt, Fred Borgmann, Justin Perrault, and Leon Saryan). Most of the merchandise for sale was orders and foreign and U.S. military decorations. But like any collectible show, there were military uniforms, swords, bayonets, military books, flags, etc. I enjoyed the show and found a few items for my collection.

There were 19 tables of exhibits from 11 exhibitors. My favorite exhibit was the one on the Four U.S. Army Chaplains sometimes referred to as the Immortal Chaplains. . They gave their lives by giving up their life jackets to military and civilians on the troop transport ship, USAT Dorchester. It was struck by a torpedo in 1943 during WWII. The chaplains joined arms, said prayers and sang songs as they went down with the ship. All four chaplains were posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and the Distinguished Service Cross. They didn't qualify for the Medal of Honor. In 1960 Congress authorized a medal of equal importance, the Four Chaplains Medal. The medals were presented posthumously to the next of kin of each of the Four Chaplains. The 2014 OMSA show will be held in Irvine, CA. For more information about this organization, visit their website, [www.OMSA.org](http://www.OMSA.org).

MNS life member and OMSA member, Fred Borgmann was in attendance at the show. He released his new book, "Wisconsin Military and Civil Medals". The book is a soft cover, spiral bound book of 174 pages listing 307 items, all in color. The book lists and pictures medals and awards from the Wisconsin National Guard, Civil War badges, WWI medals issued by Wisconsin cities, and shooting awards from St. John's Military Academy in Delafield, WI. The last section shows Presentation Badges. These are WI fire and police badges awarded to members for special events or retirement. These items aren't found in any other catalog. If you have interest in this type of exnumia, Fred can be reached at email [borgmannfj@hotmail.com](mailto:borgmannfj@hotmail.com). The books sell for \$35 or \$40 by mail.

## MEMBER NEWS

Long-time MNS member Jerry Panfil has retired and will be relocating to Colorado. Before Jerry joined the MNS, he was brought to the meetings as a YN by his mother Genevieve, who joined MNS in 1965. Jerry joined MNS in 1974 becoming member #570. He later became life member #44. Jerry is moving to Colorado in mid-September to be closer to his sister. His moving plans will prevent him from attending our September meeting. We'll miss the binders of tokens Jerry brought to the meetings to share with our members. We wish him the best of luck in his retirement and hope he will continue promoting numismatics by joining coin clubs in his new area.—Tom Casper

## Fake Morgan Dollar in Fake GSA Case Discovered

A fake 1881-CC Morgan dollar housed in an equally fake General Services Administration holder was identified July 13 at the Florida United Numismatists convention in Orlando, Fla., by Randy Campbell, senior grader of Independent Coin Grading. Campbell had been approached on the final day of the convention to give his opinion of the grade of the dollar in its plastic holder.

From 1972 to 1980, GSA sold almost three million uncirculated Carson City silver dollars left in Treasury vaults. Each coin was sealed in a special slab-like plastic case. A thin black and silver cardboard box held the slab and contained a numbered certificate.

Campbell said he noticed the coin had been cleaned and had the color of a dollar minted at Philadelphia rather than Carson City. Genuine uncirculated GSA coins are not cleaned.

After a short examination, Campbell discovered that the 1881-CC coin was a modern counterfeit probably made in China. Moments later, Campbell announced that the entire “package” was bad (Fig. 1). The coin was counterfeit, the black insert surrounding the coin was counterfeit and the plastic case was not original.

Let's start with the coin. On a quality scale of 1 to 10, ICG authenticator F. Michael Fazzari rated the coin as a 6+. It is not as dangerous, or as well executed, as the Trade dollars (rated 8+) that appeared in the market several years ago; but he believes it's a coin that would be purchased by at least 40 percent of the dealers at the show who would probably not give it more than a cursory glance inside the government holder. Fazzari said that he viewed a fake Carson City dollar of similar quality on the final exam at a seminar on Chinese Counterfeits taught by Dr. Gregory DuBay and Beth Deisher in Colorado Springs, Color. The quality of most Chinese counterfeit dollars seen by ICG authenticators is rather crude – especially the date digits. This counterfeit had a nice style that was pleasing to the eye; however, with 7X magnification using fluorescent light, defects could be seen on its relief. Micrographs also showed problems with the mintmark.

The black insert used to hold genuine GSA dollars is made of plastic with a granular pattern. Campbell noticed that this fake was surrounded by a smooth cardboard insert. While a discussion about the quality and manufacture of the outer plastic case was going on, ICG staffers Libby Dollar and Ryan Barnhardt purchased a set of proof Presidential dollars from a dealer nearby. Upon examination, they confirmed Campbell's belief that the fake used a genuine Mint plastic case to further the deception. The modern case surrounding the counterfeit insert was not permanently sealed. Additionally, it had a slightly different design from the sealed GSA product.

Finally, a bright silver “Carson City Uncirculated Silver Dollar” logo is imprinted on the inside of the genuine GSA plastic case. The counterfeit product has its logo printed directly onto the black cardboard giving it a rough appearance. In view of this new counterfeit Campbell and Fazzari warn that collectors should check their GSA coins and compare any that are questionable with photos shown on the ICG website at [icgcoin.com/about/news-from-the-grading-room](http://icgcoin.com/about/news-from-the-grading-room). – *Numismatic News*, July 18, 2013